

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 10-13, 15, 17, 20, and 22 have been amended. Claims 14 and 21 have been cancelled. In addition, the second occurrence of claim 21 has been cancelled and re-presented as claim 24 to correct the numbering of the claims. Therefore, claims 1-13, 15-20, and 22-24 are pending in the case. Further examination and reconsideration of pending claims 1-13, 15-20, and 22-24 are hereby respectfully requested.

Objections to the Claims:

The claims were objected to because the numbering of the claims was not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126. The second occurrence of claim 21 has been cancelled and re-presented as claim 24. Accordingly, it is believed that the listing of claims presented herein addresses the objections to the claims.

Section 102(e) Rejections:

Claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,047,067 to Rosen. (hereinafter "Rosen"). As set forth in more detail below, the rejection of claim 20 is respectfully traversed.

The standard for "anticipation" is one of fairly strict identity. A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. *Verdegaal Bros. V. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987), MPEP § 2131. The cited art does not disclose all limitations of the currently pending claims, some distinctive limitations of which are set forth in more detail below.

The cited art does not teach a computer-usable carrier medium that includes programming instructions executable on a computational device for maintaining confidentiality as to an identity of a network client and a network host. Amended independent claim 20 recites in part: "[a] computer-usable carrier medium, comprising:...fourth programming instructions executable on the computational device for maintaining confidentiality as to an identity of the network client and the network host."